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WELCOME TO
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NICARAGUA PROTESTS

Eleven people were killed on Wednesday in one of the worst days of violence since protests against Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega began more than a month ago, a rights group said on Thursday. The bloodshed was condemned by the Central American country's Episcopal conference of Catholic bishops, who called it "organized and systematic aggression" and suspended Thursday's scheduled talks with the government. Witnesses said pro-government armed groups opened fire on the marchers during a demonstration on Wednesday, Nicaragua's

Mother's Day. The march was held to remember the children who were among the more than 80 killed since protests began more than a month ago. The Nicaraguan Human Rights Center said six people were killed in the capital of Managua, with five others killed in other parts of the country and 79 injured. The army said it was treating some of the injured. The European Parliament on Thursday condemned what it called "brutal repression" in Nicaragua and called for elections to be held earlier, echoing other calls for Ortega make the 2021 presidential election earlier.

US WITHDRAWAL MAY
HALT IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

The remaining parties to the Iran nuclear deal have warned the United States that its decision to withdraw from the pact jeopardizes Russian and Chinese efforts to limit Iran's ability to develop atomic weapons, Western diplomats told Reuters. In pulling out of the 2015 deal, President Donald Trump triggered the revival of sanctions against the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), which oversees the Arak heavy water research reactor and the Fordow fuel enrichment plant. Under the deal, the Arak reactor was to be redesigned to

render it unable to make bomb-grade plutonium under normal operation, while the Fordow plant was to stop enriching uranium and be converted into a nuclear, physics and technology center. The restoration of U.S. sanctions on AEOI would expose non-U.S. companies to the risk of punishment by the United States for dealing with it, including Chinese state-owned China National Nuclear Corp. and Russia's Rosatom, which are doing nonproliferation work respectively at Arak and Fordow. Neither company responded to requests for comment.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

A fitness group painted themselves as human skeletons during an awareness campaign on anti-tobacco products at Esplanade on Thursday in Kolkata, India. On the occasion of the World No Tobacco Day, WHO joined hands with the World Heart Federation to highlight the link between tobacco and cardiovascular diseases, the world's leading causes of death.



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TEEN KILLER BOASTED OF
MASS MURDER PLANS

The teen charged with shooting 17 people dead at his former high school in Parkland, Florida, boasted of plans to commit mass murder in a series of cellphone videos recorded by him before the rampage and released on Wednesday by prosecutors. In one of the three video clips, Nikolas Cruz, 19, calmly declares, "Hello. My name is Nik and I'm going to be the next school shooter of 2018." He goes on to say: "My goal is to kill at least 20 people with an AR-15," referring to the assault-style rifle he is seen holding

in the footage. Brandishing the rifle at another point, Cruz says: "You're all going to die," adding with a chuckle, "Can't wait." The video clips were part of an inventory of prosecution evidence recently shared with the defense team during the pre-trial discovery process, said Constance Jones-Simmons, a spokeswoman for the Broward County state attorney's office. The Miami Herald and other media outlets obtained copies through a public records request after seeing mention of the footage in court documents, she told Reuters.

TRUMP DOWNPLAYS NORTH
KOREA PROGRESS CHANCES

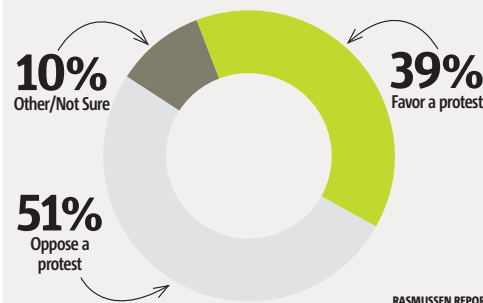
President Donald Trump on Thursday played down the chances of a quick breakthrough in getting North Korea to abandon its nuclear arms as a delegation from Pyongyang headed to meet him, carrying a letter from North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that suggested the proposed summit may be back on. In a brief interview with Reuters aboard Air Force One on his way to Texas, Trump said he was still hoping for a meeting with Kim on June 12 in Singapore to push for North Korean "denuclearization." "I'd like to see it done in

one meeting," he said. "But often times that's not the way deals work. There's a very good chance that it won't be done in one meeting or two meetings or three meetings. But it'll get done at some point." Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said a North Korean delegation, headed by high-ranking official Kim Yong Chol, would make a rare visit to the White House on Friday and give Trump a letter from Kim. The letter appeared to be in response to a comment from Trump last Thursday when he canceled the summit, accusing Pyongyang of hostility.

STATS

SCHOOL PROTESTS

A proposal has been made for parents across America to keep their children out of school for a few days next fall to pressure Congress into passing more gun control laws. Do you favor or oppose such a protest?



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NEWS

Teens rally to spotlight gun violence in urban communities

Youth Over Guns founder Ramon Contreras is joining forces with Parkland shooting survivor Aalayah Eastmond for a march across the Brooklyn Bridge.



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On Feb. 14, Aalayah Eastmond survived the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, by using the body of a fallen classmate to shield herself.

Since then, Eastmond, 16, has spoken about her experience as part of the #Enough movement borne of that day, when 17 people were fatally shot, but on Satur-

“It’s important that they get the same attention so the same investment being put into Parkland is put into communities that have been doing this for a while.”

Ramon Contreras

day, she’s partnering with Ramon Contreras, a senior at KIPP NYC College Prep, on a march across the Brooklyn Bridge to raise awareness about gun violence in urban communities.

“It’s amazing that [the Parkland students] brought this issue on the national forefront, but it’s important that we bring the momentum and spotlight back to where it’s been going on for decades,” Contreras, 19, said. “It’s important that they get the same

attention so the same investment being put into Parkland is put into communities that have been doing this for a while.”

To that end, Contreras took his experiences as a former intern in the governor’s office and at a city-based hedge fund via First Workings, to found Youth Over Guns after the National School Walkout on March 14 to “give the platform to young black and brown students to voice their opinions on the solutions they think can benefit their commu-



Parkland survivor Aalayah Eastmond speaks at March for Our Lives on March 24. This Saturday, she’ll partner with New York student Ramon Contreras’ Youth Over Guns to raise awareness of the continuing gun violence in urban communities. GETTY IMAGES

nities,” he said.

One such platform will be Saturday’s march, which will travel from the Korean War Veterans Plaza in Brooklyn

and across the Brooklyn Bridge to Foley Square in Lower Manhattan, where a rally featuring speakers ranging from Contreras and Eastmond to March

for Our Lives keynote speaker Zion Kelly and representatives from Justice League NYC, Women’s March Empower and National Action Network’s youth branch will be held. The march takes place from noon to 5 p.m.

“We want all stakeholders in this issue to invest back into communities of color where gun violence has been going on for years now,” Contreras said. “That is our call to action. We are tired of the media seeing shootings in our community as a norm. There’s no reason why, when people who look the same are killing each other, that should be ignored.

“We’re not targeting legislative action. We’re targeting community-based action through education where the roots of violence are at,” he added.

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Meet the medical team who keeps you safe at summer music festivals

With Governors Ball 2018 kicking off Friday, summer music festival season in New York City is so close we can almost taste it.

While you may be excited to blow off some steam with tens of thousands of your new closest friends and see headliners like Jack White, Travis Scott and Eminem, for Alex Pollak and his team from Paradocs Worldwide, Inc., it's just another day at the office, er, tent.

Paradocs offers on-site medical services for events like music festivals, TV and movie sets, marathons, fashion shows and more across the globe — something many of us likely never even think about until we need them.

"As opposed to transporting people to



Alex Pollak, a longtime EMT and 9/11 first responder, is the founder and CEO of Paradocs Event Medical Services. **PARADOCs**

the hospital, we have doctors and everything you'd find in an emergency room, so we can treat most of the patients on-site," Pollak told Metro.

The longtime EMT and 9/11 first responder founded Paradocs after

working past events with other medical service providers and seeing that dozens of attendees were being transported to local hospitals instead of being treated at the venues, which means they now could face large medical bills.

"We see typically 1 percent of the audience, and that ranges from anything from a small cut or a blister to serious call, and out of that we transport less than 1 percent to the hospital," Pollak said. "Everything is paid for by the promoters — no one gets a bill when they come into our tent to be treated."

You better believe Paradocs and its more than 2,000 employees, 150 of which are usually on hand for any given event, have



Since Paradocs' fees are paid for by the event promoters, there is never a bill to any person who enters their tents seeking treatment. **PARADOCs**

seen it all, from those blisters and cuts to dehydration, anxiety attacks and cardiac conditions.

"We get a lot of heat-related injuries, especially outdoors in the summer months. People drink alcohol and take ... stuff," Pollak said with a laugh.

Of course, we asked Pollak what were the, how do we say, more *unusual*, maladies that have walked into a Paradocs' tent, but there was nothing he could go on the record with (thanks, HIPAA).

When it came to his favorite event he's worked so far, however, he was an open book: "Probably the Victoria's Secret show, if I'm being honest." **NIKKI M. MASCALI**

WHAT TO KNOW IF YOU NEED MEDICAL HELP AT A MUSIC FESTIVAL

Alex Pollak, founder and CEO of Paradocs Worldwide, Inc., offers these tips to think about if you need medical help at an event like a summer music festival:

• **Fear not**
"Don't be scared of us. We don't kick people out, and we typically let them back in when they're done with us."

• **Know where the medical tents are**
"Twelve hours down the line when you need medical, it's a little bit harder because your brain's not in the same headspace."

• **Be honest**
"Be open with us. We're there to help, and we love when you come to us, and we don't have to get you."

• **Drink lots of water**
"Especially with alcohol. Beer is not going to hydrate you. Have one glass of alcohol, one glass of water, but also look for electrolytes."

• **Buddy up**
"We get so many people looking for their friends, and their phone's dead. A lot of people don't even know their friend's numbers — or even their parents' — because it's programmed in their phone, so have a meeting spot."



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A car-share-only parking spot like in Washington, D.C. will be coming soon to New York City. GETTY IMAGES

NYC to reserve parking spots for car-share vehicles

On-street parking in 14 neighborhoods and some spots in NYCHA parking lots will be designated for vehicles from companies like Zipcar.



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If you don't want to deal with the full-time hassle of owning a car in New York City but still want some of the perks of having a vehicle, car-share programs like Zipcar provide a happy medium.

Renting a car doesn't absolve you of the headache of trying to park in the city, but now, it might be easier to find a spot: Mayor Bill de Blasi-

sio announced that the city will reserve parking spots for car-share vehicles.

New York City will dedicate 309 parking spots in total, the mayor announced on Thursday.

The city's Department of Transportation will reserve 285 of these spaces in select neighborhoods and DOT municipal lots through the DOT NYC Car-share pilot for Zipcar and Enterprise CarShare.

The remaining 24 spots will be reserved in parking lots at certain public housing developments through a partnership between the New York City Housing Authority and Zipcar.

"Our car-share pilot will give New Yorkers a chance to try a new affordable, convenient transportation option,

which we hope will also ease parking pressure at our curbs and reduce congestion," said DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg in a statement.

These programs help ease congestion in the city, data shows, because one vehicle can be shared by up to 70 people.

"For the first time ever, the city is setting aside dedicated parking spots to expand access to car-share programs," de Blasio said in a statement. "For every vehicle in a car-share program, up to 20 households can forgo the need to own a car, fighting congestion and making our air cleaner. We're also bringing more car-share options to NYCHA residents to help them get around, so we can continue building the fairest big city in America."

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Fiorentino Plaza (3 spaces)
Glenmore Plaza (3 spaces)
Marlboro Houses
(2 spaces)
Pink Houses (2 spaces)

Trump pardons conservative, says Martha Stewart may be next



Democrats have criticized Trump's pardoning of Dinsh D'Souza, saying it undermines the rules of law. GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump on Thursday pardoned a conservative commentator and said he was considering pardoning lifestyle maven Martha Stewart and commuting a former Illinois governor's prison sentence, prompting critics to accuse him of subverting the rule of law.

Trump announced his decision to pardon pundit and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza, who pleaded guilty in 2014 to U.S. campaign finance law violations and was an outspoken critic of Democratic former President Barack Obama, on Twitter, saying he had been "treated very unfairly by our government!" The Republican president then told reporters on a flight to Houston he was also considering a pardon for Stewart, who was convicted in 2004 on charges of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and making false statements in an insider-trading probe.

James Comey, who Trump fired as FBI

director last year and has repeatedly attacked, was the lead federal prosecutor in Stewart's case and played a role in the prosecution of Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the chief of staff to former Vice President Dick Cheney. Trump pardoned Libby in April.

Trump also said he might commute the 14-year prison sentence of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, a Democrat convicted of corruption charges, and was considering pardoning a woman convicted of a drug-related charge after reality TV star Kim Kardashian discussed the case with him on Wednesday.

The U.S. Constitution gives the president the power to issue pardons, and Trump sometimes has used this authority to benefit convicted figures revered by some on the political right such as former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio and Libby. After D'Souza's pardon, some constitutional scholars, legal analysts and Democratic lawmakers

"As with the pardon of Joe Arpaio, Trump is sending a message that he will reward political allies for loyalty with get-out-of-jail-free cards."

Democratic U.S. Rep.
Don Beyer

ers accused Trump of undermining the rule of law with pardons based on political considerations.

"As with the pardon of Joe Arpaio, Trump is sending a message that he will reward political allies for loyalty with get-out-of-jail-free cards," Democratic U.S. Rep. Don Beyer said on Twitter. "He doesn't care about the rule of law." REUTERS



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Keeping up with Kim and Trump's meeting

The two reality TV stars spoke about prison reform and a pardon for Alice Marie Johnson.



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On Wednesday, Kim Kardashian met with President Donald Trump and Jared Kushner about the fate of Alice Marie Johnson, a 63-year-old who, in the 1990s, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for a first-time, nonviolent crime involving drug trafficking. The Kardashian is leveraging her high-profile media presence to back a bid for pardoning Johnson.

Kardashian spoke to Trump about pardoning Johnson, who's served over 20 years in prison.

Over a period of several months, Kardashian called Kushner to discuss Johnson's potential pardon. Kushner has

reportedly been working with senators on The Prison Reform and Redemption Act, aiming to reduce "prisoner recidivism risk" and, as Mother Jones reported, to "encourage more inmates to participate in rehabilitative programs."

"The message to the president is that Alice Johnson, the 21 years she has been in prison, represents a punishment that more than pays her debt to society and that to keep her in prison the rest of her life is morally and economically unjustifiable," one of Johnson's

lawyers, Brittany Barnett, told the Daily Mail. Shawn Holley, Kardashian's attorney, tweeted prior to the Trump meeting, "I am honored to accompany [Kardashian] to The White House today to advocate on behalf of Alice Marie Johnson. Kim has spent her time, money & energy for this incredibly worthy cause. Please give credit where credit is due."

"It is our hope that the president will grant clemency to Ms. Alice Marie Johnson, who is serving a life sentence for a first-time, non-violent drug offense."

Kim Kardashian, in a tweet

it turns out, was also Johnson's birthday. Kardashian wrote on Twitter, "Happy Birthday Alice Marie Johnson. Today is for you."



Kim Kardashian has been campaigning for the pardon of 63-year-old Alice Marie Johnson, who's been in prison for the past 21 years for a drug trafficking offense. She took her cause to the White House on Wednesday. **PRESIDENT TRUMP/TWITTER**

Kardashian commented on the Trump meeting in a tweet posted last night. "I would like to thank President Trump for his time this afternoon," she wrote. "It is our hope that the President will grant clemency to Ms. Alice Marie Johnson who is serving a life sentence for a first-time, nonviolent drug offense."

She followed this up with, "We are optimistic about Ms. Johnson's future and hopeful that she — and so many like her — will get a second chance at life."

In a 2017 thank-you note obtained by TMZ, Johnson wrote to Kim, "I am so humbled by what you are doing and have already done on my behalf."

When I spoke with Attorney Shawn Holley and she disclosed the name of my benefactor, I had to take time to process and digest the news that you were the one she had been alluding to."

"Ms. Kardashian," she continued, "you are literally helping to save my life and restore me to my family."

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MARNI HALASA

Marni Halasa, a lawyer, journalist and professional figure skater, ran in the last election for City Council for District 3 as an independent on the Eco Justice Party. In addition to her protest consulting group, *Revolution Is Sexy*, she recently founded *Community Control of Land Use* (ccluny.com), a group that collectively organizes small businesses and tenants about intrusive neighborhood development.



A history professor in college told me the unthinkable: No one ordinary person could ever make a difference.

Human beings, said Dr. David Kaiser, were like grains of sand swept up in geopolitical trends that blew around in a random universe, powerless, unable to wield input or influence in any direction. I disagreed with Professor Kaiser then, decades ago in a classroom at Carnegie-Mellon University, and I definitely disagree with him now. One person can have real influence — but in my experience as a political candidate, that means getting on the ballot.

The idea is trending. Look around at all the women, minorities and young people — groups historically unrepresented — entering races in 2018, and we have a new era of disrupters hellbent on changing the status quo. Like myself, most of them never considered a career in politics. But when faced with the terrifying chaos and the destructive nature



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of a Trump presidency on crucial issues of economic equality, women's rights, worker protections and racial and immigrant justice, it was time for all of us to take the leap.

I got my feet wet during the days of Occupy Wall Street. From there, my run against councilman Corey Johnson last year gave me the forum to talk policy and publish editorials about issues I felt were being ignored:

getting real estate money out of politics, revisiting permanent affordable housing and passing the Small Business Jobs Survival Act to protect small businesses.

The reaction was immediate, with activists approaching me, editors wanting my talking points and strangers at bus stops asking me for housing advice. It didn't matter that I had no name recognition and little money, my mes-

sage was getting through and people were listening.

And they still are listening. Us normal folks who challenge incumbents may not win, but we can keenly influence by pushing the issues and holding our elected officials accountable. So all you ordinary citizens out there — the middle-school teacher, the immigration lawyer, construction worker and millennial activist — run for office!

Your presence alone will make a difference. There is a growing constituency for those who can't be bought and those who can identify with the needs of regular people. If you fit that bill, and you want to improve people's lives, it's time to take a stand. Our future depends on it.

LEARN MORE THIS WEEKEND

"How An Ordinary Citizen Runs for Public Office," is a panel discussion moderated by lawyer, journalist and former City Council candidate Marni Halasa at the Left Forum Conference (leftforum.org) this weekend at the John Jay School of Criminal Justice, 899 10th Avenue. Based on the experiences of several political candidates, Halasa, Sander Hicks, Michael Friedman and activist Louis Flores, the discussion aims to inspire regular people to run for office and demonstrate an election infrastructure that shows effective strategies on campaigning as a citizen outsider.

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Who Should Try This Treatment?

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RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

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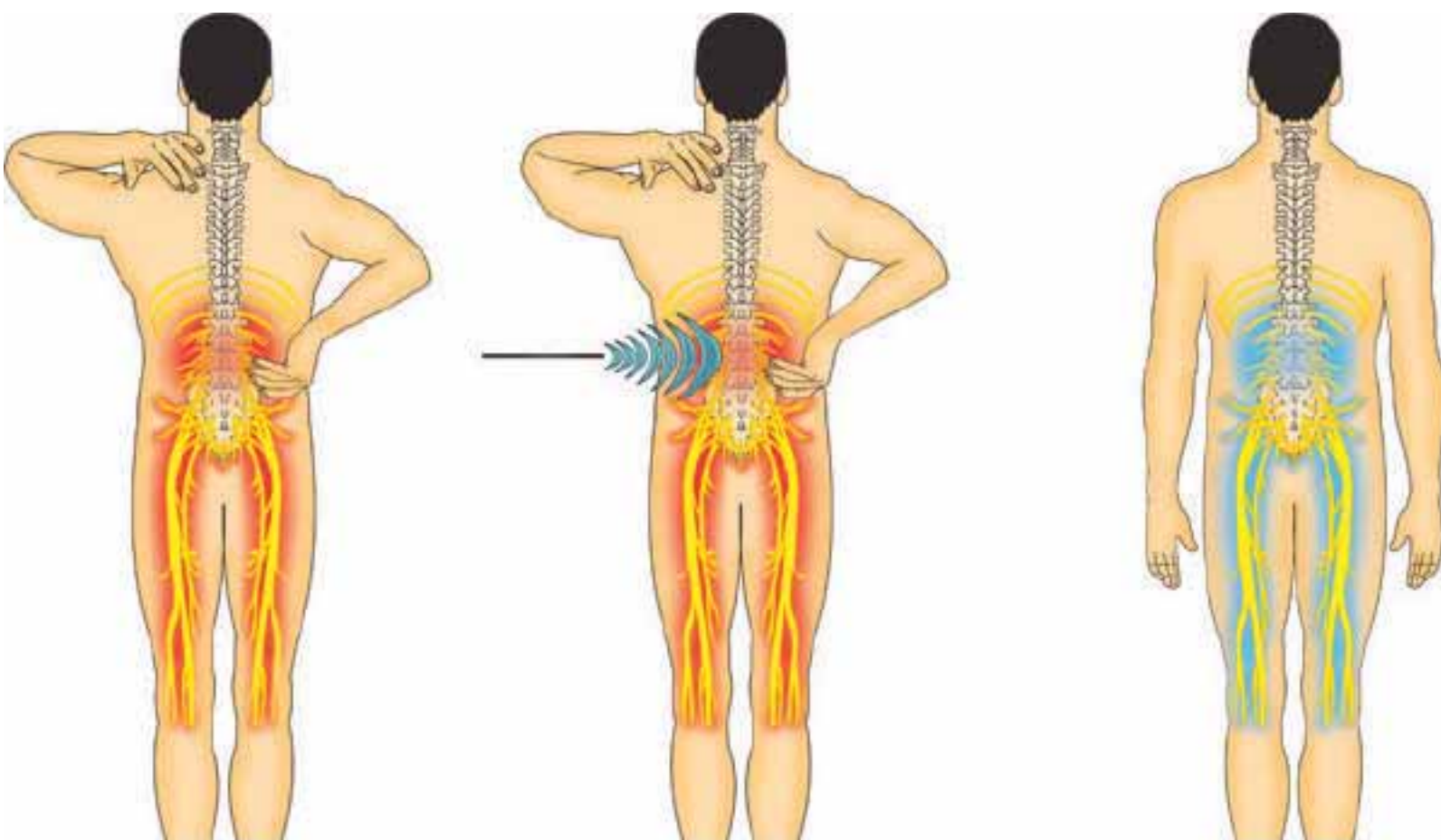
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City officials are often late registering contracts with nonprofits, meaning they aren't paid right away for their social services. WIKIMEDIA

NYC officials often late when paying nonprofits for social services: Report

Comptroller's office found that delays in registering contracts means already-strapped groups that provide vital assistance to city residents don't get paid for months.



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Nonprofits across New York City help house the homeless and deliver meals to the elderly, but city officials have been late to pay these nonprofits, putting financial strain on already cash-strapped organizations, according to a report from Comptroller Scott M. Stringer's office.

In a report out this week, the comptroller looked at delays in the city's contracting system, particularly contracts that support social programs.

Organizations can only be paid once a contract is registered, and 81 percent of all contracts were submitted late for registration by city officials in the fiscal year 2017, the report found.

That puts these nonprofits in a tricky situation, Stringer explained: either delay the start of their work, stalling projects and potentially driving up costs; or begin the work without a registered contract, foregoing upfront pay and bearing the initial financial burden completely on their own.

The report specifically examined "Type 70" contracts, which support programs for New York's "most vulnerable populations — including seniors, the homeless, and children," according to Stringer's office, "across seven city agencies."

Among the "worst offenders" were the Human Resources Administra-

tion — which bills itself as "dedicated to fighting poverty and income inequality by providing New Yorkers in need with essential benefits such as Food Assistance and Emergency Rental Assistance" — and the Department of Homeless Services.

These two city agencies submitted 100 percent of their contracts late, meaning not a single contract was registered before the contracted start date, the report found.

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tracts late, respectively.

A delay in registration means a delay in pay, and such delays force nonprofits to take out loans from the city, the comptroller's office said, in order to pay staff and cover expenses.

Allison Sesso of the Human Services Advancement Strategy Group, a group of nine organizations like the UJA Federation and Homeless Services United that represent 2,000 human service providers in the city, said the report sheds light on a "clearly broken system."

"We need to rethink how the contracting process works and reshape it to better support the institutions working in communities," she said.

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the GRUMBLE

'Recycling rummagers' making a mess in the street

BY FREDRICK BEONDO, METRO US READER



Pat King
Grumble Editor

Hello, Metro Grumblers! We have a few great Grumbles from our readers today — one about keeping our streets clean and the others about how miserable this rainy weather has been lately. Grumble on, my friends.

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O.K., first off, I am hoping this isn't just a grumble that only happens in my neighborhood.

I am absolutely livid about what I will call "recycling rummagers." They wander my

neighborhood in groups on recycling nights (Tuesdays, where I live), with their overflowing shopping carts, looking for recycling bags, seeking cans and bottles to return for money. If they would simply open them

up nicely, remove what they want from them, and close the bags, I wouldn't be writing this.

But no. They will rip open the bags, take what they want and leave them torn and spilling recycling on the curb. As yet, I have not received a summons for their intrusions, but the way this city keeps finding new ways to squeeze more cash from the stone that is the people, I would not be surprised if we hear about this being a newly ticketable offense soon enough. I don't even put out my recycling until almost midnight now, as it seems fewer of them stay out that late to look. I know nothing will come of this grumble, but having put it out there, I do feel better.

P.S. How many grumbles are allowed per reader? I could easily grumble every day about something, but I wouldn't want to become a bore nor a burden 🙄

Metro Editor:
Fredrick — Keep 'em coming!

READER RESPONSES:

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY!

My grumble is for all of this rain. I get it, April showers bring May flowers...but come on! This is now May going into June, and I don't think we've had one full week in May with no rain. This is getting a little depressing. I want to look forward to the summer as it approaches, but with all of these cloudy, and

rainy days, it is difficult. I am looking forward to the days when that big bright thing in the sky decides to make an appearance and hang around long enough to maybe cause a grumble about that! **steps off soapbox**

- Rochelle B, Metro US reader

KEEP THOSE UMBRELLAS IN LINE!

Coincidentally, this was me this morning. I know the rules to (1) turn your umbrella sideways and (2) close and speed up as soon as you get under "subway cover." I despise getting a spoke in my head!!

- Courtney C., Metro US reader

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Aries Rely on the past when you must make an important decision regarding personal or professional changes. Someone you have worked with will offer an unexpected option.



Taurus A day trip will be fruitful. If you get everything in writing, you'll feel good about whatever transaction you make. Celebrate with someone positive and progressive.



Gemini If you share your opinion, you'll quickly realize who is and isn't on your side. Join forces with people who have goals and interests similar to yours to gain ground quickly.



Cancer Personal improvements will make you feel and look your best. A relationship will take a positive turn if you show interest and offer support and help to someone you love.



Leo Put a budget and time frame in place to avoid being caught in a situation that you can't afford or finish. Restraint and common sense will be required.



Virgo A change of plans will turn out better than anticipated. Be open to suggestions, but don't think that others know better than you what you can and cannot do or afford.



Libra Use common sense when dealing with domestic changes or tackling a new project that will take up a chunk of your valuable time. Put a workable timetable in place before you start.



Scorpio Leave nothing to chance. Take the initiative to ensure that what you want to see happen is completed. If you want something, do the work and reap the reward.



Sagittarius The help someone requests may not be warranted. Before you offer too much, question what's entailed. If you are too generous with your time or money, someone will take advantage of you.



Capricorn Share your feelings and make plans that will address the changes that loved ones want to or should make. Love and romance should be high on your list. Personal improvements are favored.



Aquarius You can host an event, but don't go overboard. Get others to pitch in and help. Refrain from overreacting, overindulging and overdoing. Don't take part in a costly venture.



Pisces A physical change will add to your confidence and bring in a host of compliments. Get involved in a joint venture that will support your creative skills and encourage positive change. EUGENIA LAST

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Made by man and nature

From nudes by Picasso and Klimt to utopia-inspired architecture, this summer's must-see museum exhibits are all about the beauty of our physical world. **LAKSHMI GANDHI**



Sadly, the steps of the Met will not be decorated with Egon Schiele's nudes, but you can see them inside. **GETTY IMAGES**



Obsession: Nudes by Klimt, Schiele and Picasso

When does fascination morph into a full-blown obsession? During his lifetime, the mysterious collector Scofield Thayer acquired 600 works of art — the majority of which were nudes on paper — by icons like Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele and Pablo Picasso and other great artists of the 20th century.

As you can imagine, Thayer's interest in nudes was not shared by the vast majority of art goers in post-World War I America, and upon his death in 1982 the extensive collection was willed to the Met. Now the museum is exhibiting many of the most famous works in **Obsession** — look out for the watercolors by Klimt and Schiele, which were acquired by Thayer in Vienna while he was a patient of Sigmund Freud in the early 1920s.

July 3-Oct. 7, 2018, Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Ave., metmuseum.org



VALENTIN JECK

Toward a Concrete Utopia: Architecture in Yugoslavia

When Yugoslavia was founded in 1948, its leaders commissioned some of the top modernist architects in Europe to build what they believed would be an ideal socialist country. **Toward a Concrete Utopia** at the MoMA highlights a modernist style that's been largely unexplored through more than 400 photos, short films, drawings and models, including buildings designed by architectural legends like Bogdan Bogdanović and Svetlana Kana Radević, while also asking questions about the effects of urbanization, consumerism and the monuments we create.

July 15-Jan. 13, 2019 *The Museum of Modern Art*, 11 W. 53rd St., moma.org



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Rob Wynne: Float

New York-based artist Rob Wynne's life changed when he dropped a ladle full of glass, creating an "absolutely spectacular" splat. He's known for large-scale installations of molten sculptures and unique glass texts arranged in intriguing and often absurd ways. See them at the Brooklyn Museum's spectacular **Rob Wynne: Float**, where 16 of his mirrored glassworks seem to magically hang in the air above works in the American art galleries, reflecting and questioning them.

June 6-Jan. 6, 2019, 200 Eastern Parkway, brooklynmuseum.org



GETTY IMAGES

Ocean Wonders: Sharks!

After a long recovery from Hurricane Sandy, the New York Aquarium is finally ready to unveil its new flagship exhibition **Ocean Wonders: Sharks!** The various aquariums, glass tunnels and displays hold more than 500,000 gallons of water and house over 115 species of marine life, from various species of the ocean's apex predator to sea turtles, manta rays and fish. Visitors will also be able to explore a shipwreck, dive into New York's own undersea Grand Canyon and more interactive experiences.

Opens June 30, Coney Island, nyaquarium.com



Summer of Magic: Treasures from the David Copperfield Collection

With "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" on Broadway and illusionists taking up residence at hotels around the city, New York is embracing magic. Ahead of its own Potter-themed History of Magic exhibit this fall, the New-York Historical Society is taking a look behind the curtain with **Summer of Magic**, with relics from David Copperfield's extensive collection of Harry Houdini memorabilia as well as Copperfield's own legendary Death Saw. Family-friendly programs including a Houdini Weekend (July 13-15) and an appearance by Copperfield himself.

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The play that paved the way for 'Rent'

"The Boys in the Band" brought gay men's stories to Broadway in 1968. Now it's back with a star-studded revival.

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"The Boys in the Band" rocked Broadway when it debuted in 1968. The controversial play depicts a catty birthday bash full of drunk, self-loathing homosexual men, and it was questioned both for whether it was tasteful enough for the stage and its representation of the gay lifestyle.

Fast-forward 50 years to 2018, and what's remembered is the trail-blazing legacy of the show that paved the way for other explorations of gay culture on Broadway, most famously Jonathan Larson's 1994 musical "Rent."



Back on Broadway at the Booth Theater with an all-star, all-gay cast for a limited run through Aug. 11, a new generation has a chance to experience "The Boys in the Band" in their own way. Robin De Jesus, who plays the flamboyant Emory, tell us it's never been

more clear how brave and real the characters actually are — though it may have been hard to see at the time.

"In 1968, this was the only piece of mainstream art that represented gay people," he explains. "Everyone wanted that image of being a 'normal'

part of society, and what they got was men getting really drunk and releasing their rage. And they couldn't see that these men were so loving toward each other,



but they were taking so much crap from the outside world that they were projecting it onto one another. And I think the only reason we can see the show that way today is because of the progress we've made."

De Jesus' own coming out process really "rattled his sense of masculinity," but he was more equipped to confront the status quo than the characters in the '60s would have been: "When you're just worried about surviving, I don't know if you have time to sit there and [challenge norms]. I can only do that now because of my privilege."

De Jesus actually made his Broadway debut in 2005 in "Rent," which he agrees was made possible by shows like "The Boys in the Band" — a map of prog-

ress that he calls "accumulative and beautiful."

"You know what's funny? I have not been to parties that have gotten that dark before, but some of my cast members said they have," he says. "I would be interested in a modern retelling. While it would look different, this play could still happen today, in real life."

At the same time, he thinks it's important to note that the play's messages transcend any one class of people. "So many people think the play is only a gay story, but that couldn't be further from the truth — it represents what being ostracized does to you and how it affects your mind," he says.

"I had a female friend come who kept crying because it made her realize how she wasn't valuing herself."

The Boys in the Band runs only through Aug. 11. For more information, visit boysintheband.com

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The LGBT version of "Pride & Prejudice"

"The Boys in the Band" is a take-no-prisoners play written by Mart Crowley in 1968 to show how gay men self-eviscerate and lash out when they have no other way to process society's subtle rejection and overt discrimination. Churning with hilarious one-liners that mask brutally honest insights, the sharp and stunningly current script is a wake-up call for how we treat each other today — and why. Starring Jim Parsons as the alcoholic host of a birthday party for his insecure friend (Zachary Quinto) and their circle (including Matt Bomer and Andrew Rannells), the historic 50th anniversary production is directed by Joe Mantello. *Through Aug. 11, boysintheband.com*

Take to the great outdoors

The Bard's masterpieces return to the Delacorte

Theater in Central Park this month with the Public Theater's annual Free Shakespeare in the Park series, starting with a Chukwudi Iwuji-led "Othello," directed by Ruben Santiago-Hudson and set in the 1600s Mediterranean (opening June 18). Next is a musical adaptation of "Twelfth Night" (opening July 31) starring Nikki M. James ("Book of Mormon") as Viola, with music and lyrics by Shaina Taub, co-directed by Oskar Eustis (Public Theater Artistic Director) and Kwame Kwei-Armah, who conceived the piece and is the new artistic director of London's Young Vic. *shakespeareinthepark.org*

Star power Off-Broadway

Broadway superstar Idina Menzel returns to the stage this summer, but she'll be sidestepping the Great White Way with the lead in Roundabout Theatre's "Skintight." The show

examines the truth about beauty in today's society and the lies we tell ourselves (and our kids) about how much it really matters. Menzel's character learns that her ex-husband is engaged to a much younger woman — and her father is now living with a man who's the same age as her own son. She questions how





"Skintight" challenges the value of age and beauty in the modern world. JENNY ANDERSON

looks, sexuality and, of course, age factor into our worth and values in 2018. *Opens June 21, roundabouttheatre.org*

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wa oversaw the revival before passing away in 2016, making this the last time this production will be staged. This piece of theatrical history is produced through the Mostly Mozart Festival. *July 21-25, mostlymozart.org*



Andy Karl returns to Broadway in "Pretty Woman." GETTY IMAGES

For the rom-com lovers

Yes, another movie is being given the musical treatment, but we've got high hopes for "Pretty Woman." The musical adds balance to your hooker-with-a-heart-of-gold trope (led by Samantha Barks as Vivian, the role that made Julia Roberts famous) when she also saves her white knight from his playboy ways (with Andy Karl taking over the lead from Richard Gere). He just won an Olivier Award for converting Phil Connors from cynic to small-town hero in the musical version of "Groundhog Day," so we've got high hopes for this modern production.

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Modern productions and unconventional venues are making opera more accessible to New Yorkers.
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Would you see an opera in a bar?

The New York Opera Fest hopes to woo new fans by staging shows in unconventional spaces.

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From a historic basilica to hip new bars and even Brooklyn's catacombs, this year's New York Opera Fest is taking the lofty art form into some distinctly non-traditional settings.

"We are experiencing and driving a rebirth of what opera can be," says Peter Szep, festival chairman and co-founder of the New York Opera Alliance. "Opera can speak directly to us. The festival shows that opera is big and messy and not limited to a proscenium. It's also where you live."

While it's a tactic sure to get the attention of some new fans, these unconventional venues won't diminish the vocal performances, either. "Smaller venues are not a problem — they're an asset," he explains. "In a little venue, you are next to the opera singer. The voice is much more present. The singer can

be more subtle and you hear a full dynamic range. It can hit you in a much more emotional way."

The New York Opera Fest presents 45 productions throughout the month of June, including 14 world premieres. That's more than 150 performances by 30 of the city's independent opera companies.

Highlights include the Angel's Share series in the vaults of Greenwood Cemetery, a new food-themed show by Opera On Tap, and a reimagined "Don Giovanni in New York" at the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral.

That production pairs Mozart's opera with the real story of his librettist, Lorenzo da Ponte, moving to the city and putting on one of the first "Don Giovanni" performances at the church. "A script of that story is combined with the opera, so it weaves in a documentary with the production," says Szep.

The main difference between the usual opera festival and an indie production like this, says Szep, is a broader, inclusive vision: "No one gets left out: women, people of color, everyone is included. The big kahuna

is part of the conversation to get opera out to a larger audience."

The New York Opera Alliance formed in 2011 to promote the city's indie performance groups and to show that opera is not an elitist, outdated artform but a contemporary medium that's changing to suit its audience.

Part of the reason the festival has broadened its choice of venues is that opera companies are actually multiplying in the city. "The New York Opera Alliance brought everyone together to talk about what they're doing," says Szep about organizing this year's third annual Opera Fest.

"We realized there are around 100 small opera companies in New York City. Right now we have 50 members, and it just keeps growing."

"There's a huge wave of new artists producing new works and they have things to say that are relevant to so many people. Opera is a living thing."

The third annual New York Opera Fest runs through the end of June; the Angel's Share series continues through October. For more information, visit nyoperafest.com.

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Jim Parsons talks 'A Kid Like Jake'

"The Big Bang Theory" star opens up about the new film and "gracefully" discussing the topic of gender transitions.



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In the hands of the wrong producers, actors, writer or director, "A Kid Like Jake" could have been a mess.

That's because its title character is a 4-year-old boy who prefers dressing up as Cinderella to G.I. Joe. But the main drama of the film takes place between his parents, Alex Wheeler (Claire Danes) and Greg (Jim Parsons), who are at odds over whether Jake is being labeled prematurely or is actually showing signs that he could eventually transition gender.

Parsons tells Metro that he never had any worries that "A Kid Like Jake" would court unwanted controversy. Instead, after reading Daniel Pearl's adaptation of his own stage play, the word that immediately came to mind for the actor was "graceful."

"Daniel has taken a hot-button topic — the idea of gender-fluidity and the possibility of



"A Kid Like Jake" opens in theaters June 1. IFC FILMS

someone growing into being a transgender person eventually — and put it through this very specific lens of a tiny nuclear family trying to get their child into school, something that many people go through in one way or another," he says. "One of the beauties of the language of this film, and the way that people talk about Jake and whether or not he is expressing curiosity about his own gender or if he is just playing as

a kid, is that most people have had these conversations, just not about this topic."

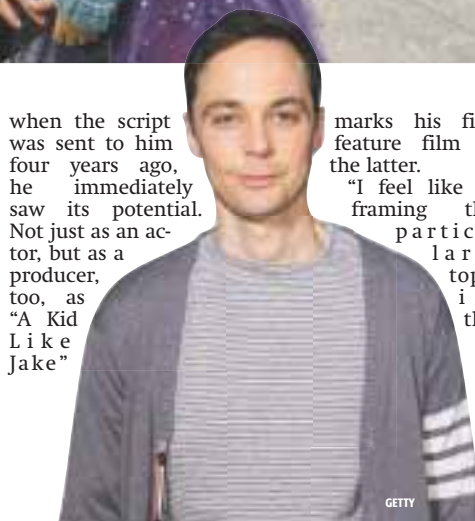
Parsons adds, "If you have ever been in a relationship or had a child, you have had similar discussions about trying to protect your child and what is best for them and what they want when they can't express it clearly."

Parsons didn't see Pearl's play when it was on at the Claire Tow Theater back in 2013. But

when the script was sent to him four years ago, he immediately saw its potential. Not just as an actor, but as a producer, too, as "A Kid Like Jake"

marks his first feature film as the latter.

"I feel like by framing this particularly topic in this



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way it takes a bit of mystery off of it," Parsons says. "I hope it takes away the fear for people that think they don't understand this issue or have never experienced it first-hand. It's nothing to be scared of. It's just another aspect of being a human being, and trying to do what is right for your child."

Ever the actor, Parsons, who admits "there was certainly a section of time when [he] didn't think this was going to happen" and calls the completion of the film a "miracle," took particular enjoyment in fighting with Danes, especially because of Pearl's writing.

"What stood out for me was the way that the characters talked and fought with each other," Parsons says. "Daniel Pearl has a real ear for how people argue and discuss things and how they get down and dirty with things."

"Even though shooting those scenes can be awful in many ways, both me and Claire have admitted that we want to do them again," he adds. "Because it is great, great fun to get involved in scenes like that, that are so well-crafted."

"A Kid Like Jake" opens in theaters June 1 and will be available on DVD June 8.



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We are just two weeks away from the start of the 2018 World Cup and millions of Americans have no idea what's going on.



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Soccer fans are a lot like vegans in that they can't go more than a couple of hours without reminding you that they watch the world's game.

Now that the calendar has flipped to June, just two weeks out from the 2018 World Cup in Russia, the beautiful game is ready to grip the globe, even if the United States is not involved (that's a disas-

trous story that can be saved for another day).

While there will be millions of American soccer fans ready to implement an intricate system of sick days, pretend traffic jams and extended lunch breaks to ensure they don't miss a minute of the action, there are countless more in this country who can't tell you the first thing about the singular biggest sporting event in the world.

That's right, NFL fans, there is something bigger than your precious Super Bowl, which is becoming more of a concert and social gathering more than an actual (American) football game.

So we at Metro decided to provide those who don't know the difference between a soccer ball and a doorknob a beginner's (can be read as idiot's) guide to the 2018 FIFA World Cup from Russia this month.

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN THIS COMPETITION TO ME?



The FIFA World Cup is a tournament contested by 32 national teams, split into eight groups of four sides.

In total, 64 matches will be played to crown a champion. Each team will play the other three nations in their group before the top two move on to the knockout stages. From there, a single-elimination format is used to find a champion.

This year, the competition takes place in Russia and will wind from June 14 to July 14, when the championship game (or simply known as the Final), is played.

All matches are 90 minutes long. In the group stage, teams are awarded three points for a win and one point for a draw. In the knockout rounds, if the game is tied, two 15-minute periods of extra time will be played. If the deadlock is not broken, the match will be decided by penalty kicks.

THERE ARE SO MANY COUNTRIES, HOW DO WE GET TO 32 TEAMS?



Technically, the monthlong tournament of 32 teams this summer is considered the FIFA World Cup Finals.

However, there is far more that goes into this competition.

Over a two-year span prior to a World Cup year, continents set up extensive qualification periods where all 211 nations registered with FIFA have an opportunity to make the Finals.

In total, 31 teams will win qualifying bids with the host country automatically making the Finals.

So for example, Russia received an automatic place in the World Cup Finals while Europe sent 13 teams to the Finals, Asia sent five, Africa five, North America three and South America five.

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World Cup for confused Americans

WHICH TEAMS IN RUSSIA ARE FAVORED TO WIN THE WORLD CUP?



There is always a core of world soccer powers that will vie for the World Cup. Brazil, coming off an embarrassing 7-1 defeat to Germany in the 2014 World Cup semifinals, has won the most titles with six.

The Germans are the defending champions and have made the quarterfinals in the last nine competitions. Their lowest finish in the past 20 years has been third, so they are always a safe bet to go deep in the tournament.

Then there is Argentina, who has the best player in the world in Lionel Messi. The 2014 runners-up will be keen on delivering their nation a first world championship in 32 years.

Spain and France are also expected to make a run toward the top this year.

ARE WE MISSING ANY NOTABLE TEAMS THIS YEAR?



Looking close to home, United States provided a true embarrassment considering CONCACAF is one of the easier qualifying groups in the world. Along with Mexico, the U.S. is the only legitimate force in that continental group. It is the first time since missing nine-straight World Cups from 1954-1986.

Yet, there were some real traditional powers who have actually had success on the global stage that did not make the tournament.

The Netherlands, who finished third in 2014 and second in 2010, failed to make the Finals while Italy, four-time winners, provided the biggest shock of not making the tournament. It is the first time since 1958 that they will not be taking part in the competition.

DID ANY SURPRISE TEAMS MAKE THE TOURNAMENT?



Iceland provides one of the biggest surprises at the World Cup, though it was somewhat expected after a Cinderella run to the quarterfinals at the European Championships two years ago.

This will be the first time that Iceland will be partaking in a World Cup.

With a population of 335,000, they are the smallest nation to ever qualify for the World Cup.

Panama is also a first-time qualifier on soccer's biggest stage after edging out the United States in CONCACAF qualifying.

Egypt will make its first World Cup Finals in 28 years on the (now-injured) shoulders of Liverpool talisman Mohamed Salah while Peru makes its first appearance since 1982.

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Shurmur with high hopes for Barkley

The Giants head coach believes his rookie running back will be achieving big things in the NFL.



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That noise in the background is the Saquon Barkley hype train leaving the station.

As if the buzz and hyperbole around Barkley isn't enough, New York Giants head coach Pat Shurmur had to step it up a level or three, touting his rookie running back's showing through Organized Team Activities (OTAs) to date. Barkley, the second-overall pick in last month's NFL Draft, was considered the best athlete in the draft and as close to a sure thing as there was.

He was head and shoulders the best running back prospect and someone who some mock drafts and NFL insiders had going first overall.

The former Penn State running back had a truly outstanding career in the Big Ten. He comes to a Giants team with a revamped offensive line, part of an offensive rebuild that saw some shakeups in recent months.

There are a lot of pieces around him for success and the Giants, in turn, have seen him meet or exceed some of those lofty expectations.

"He hasn't disappointed us one bit. We have high expectations for all of our rookies, especially Saquon," Shurmur said on Tuesday. "He has been out there running the ball well and is catching it well. He did a nice job today in pass protection. He is



Saquon Barkley will enter his rookie season with high expectations on his shoulders. GETTY IMAGES

doing all the things now that we need to see him do to trust him out on the field next fall. He has done a good job."

With Barkley in the fold, the Giants are al-

most ensured of an improved ground game. The team's rushing offense has been near the bottom of the NFL the past two years and general manager Dave

Gettleman, as well as Shurmur, promised that would change.

In Barkley, they have an explosive runner who is physical but has elite speed. He also is a tre-

mendous receiver out of the backfield.

"You need to run the football for your offense, obviously, but also for your team. We practice runs as much as we practice passing the ball," Shurmur said.

"You just can't do it in the physical setting that you do when you have pads on. You practice it because it is part of your DNA. Whatever you plan to do on Sundays in the fall, you have to practice. We practice running the football and how we are going to run the ball. We practice it all the time."

The Giants also went out this offseason and signed veteran running back Jonathan Stewart, one of the league's better running backs the past decade. The Giants were No. 26 in the league last year in rushing offense, averaging 96.8 yards per game.

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18 Queens Blvd., Elmhurst,
NY. Queens County, for on
premises consumption. Best
Sushi Island LLC.

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Beverage Control Law at 31
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Kings County, for on premises
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
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I, Alan Kestenbaum, Esq.,
the Referee named in said
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and State of New York The
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Kathryn E. Assini, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney 700
Crossroads Building,
2 State St. Rochester,
New York 14614
Tel.: 855-227-5072 54205

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
Federal National Mortgage
Association, Plaintiff AGAINST
Lyle Stuart a/k/a Lyle A. Stuart;
et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale duly dated April 23, 2018
I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at
the Queens County Supreme
Courthouse, Courtroom #25,
88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,
Jamaica, New York on June 29,
2018 at 10:00AM, premises
known as 13001 111th Avenue,
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parcel of land, with the
buildings and improvements
erected, situate, lying and being
in the Borough and County of
Queens, City and State of NY,
Block: 11610 Lot: 46.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$456,457.65 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject
to provisions of filed Judgment
Index# 703358/2014.
Scott Harris Klein, Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: May 15, 2018
54353.

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Beverage Control Law at 41-
46 Main St., Cellar, Flushing,
NY. Queens County, for on
premises consumption. 88
Main St Plaza Corp.

LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff AGAINST AUBREY
GOODWILL, et al., Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly
dated October 30, 2017 I, the
undersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the Queens
County Courthouse in Courtroom
#25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,
Jamaica, New York, on June 15,
2018 at 10:00AM, premises
known as 137-36 220TH
STREET, SPRINGFIELD
GARDENS, NY 11413.
All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings
and improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in the
Fourth Ward of the Borough
and County of Queens, City
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BLOCK 13124, LOT 28.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$946,490.76 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed
Judgment for Index# 22960/09.
Michael H. Dikman Esq., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
Williamsville, NY 14221.

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
Plaintiff AGAINST Syed
Nuruzzaman; et al.,
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly dated March
1, 2018 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public
auction at the Queens
County Supreme Courthouse,
Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, New
York on June 22, 2018 at
10:00AM, premises known as
143-16 Rockaway Boulevard,
Jamaica, NY 11436. All that
certain plot piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough
and County of Queens, City
and State of NY, Block 12061
Lot 9. Approximate amount
of judgment \$613,213.46
plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject
to provisions of filed Judgment
Index# 14548/2013.
Alan C. Kestenbaum, Esq.,
Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: April 9, 2018 53422.

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of Alta Loma Realty LLC.
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COUNTY OF QUEENS
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FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A
CHRISTINA TRUST, NOT
INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS
TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM
MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST,
Plaintiff AGAINST FRANK COLLINS,
LEDY ANDRADE, et al., Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
April 16, 2018 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction
at the Queens County Courthouse
in Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, New York,
on June 29, 2018 at 10:00AM,
premises known as 8532 DUMONT
AVENUE, #13B, OZONE PARK,
NY 11417. All that certain plot
piece or parcel of land, with the
buildings and improvements
erected, situate, lying and being
in the Borough and County of Queens,
City and State of New York,
BLOCK 11396, LOT 1038.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$299,779.59 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject
to provisions of filed Judgment for
Index# 706448/2015.
Alan C. Kestenbaum, Esq., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
Williamsville, NY 14221
54613.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been
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under the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Law at 76-78 Carmine
St., New York, NY 10014. New
York County, for on premise
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Factory International NY Inc.

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for Beer & Wine has been applied
for by the undersigned to sell Beer
& Wine at retail in a Restaurant
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Control Law at 36-50 Main St.,
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for on premises consumption.
DNCY Inc.

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for Beer & Wine has been applied
for by the undersigned to sell Beer
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Control Law at 271 5th Ave., New
York, NY. New York County, for on
premises consumption. Hortus
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applied for by the undersigned
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Beverage Control Law at 231
E 53rd St., New York, NY. New
York County, for on premises
consumption. Souvlakerie LLC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a license, Number Pending,
for Beer, Wine & Liquor has been
applied for by the undersigned
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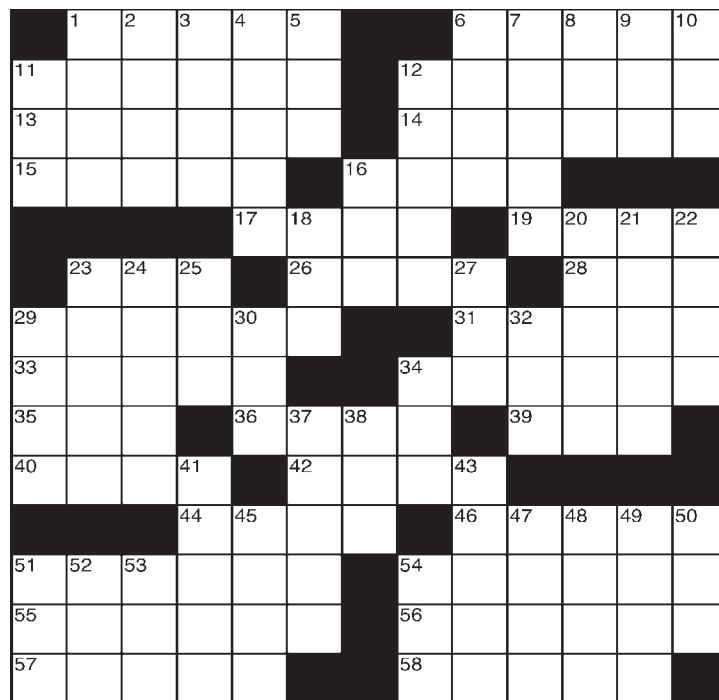
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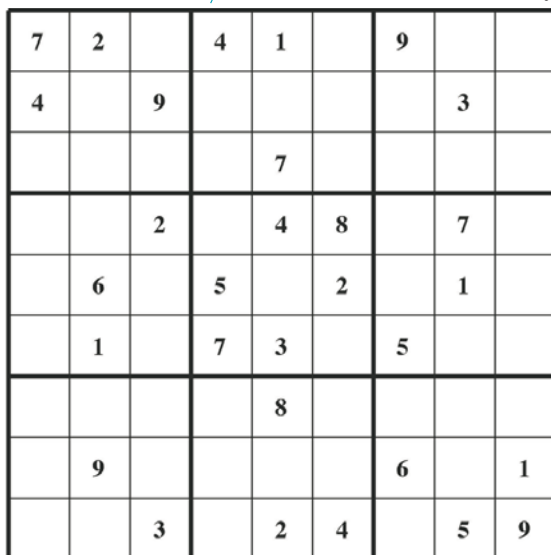
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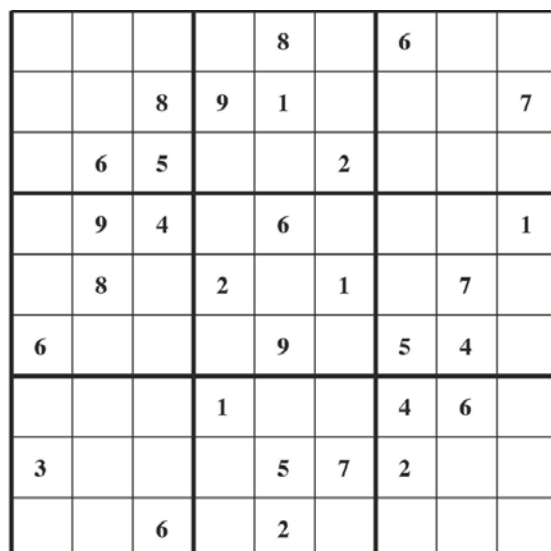


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